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HEARING SYNOPSIS

December 19, 2019 Agenda (21st Meeting)

Present: O'Donnell, Ganaban, Minn, Miyashiro, Lee

PUBLIC HEARINGS – LICENSES GRANTED

[Comm. Ganaban moved for approval; Comm. Minn seconded; Vote 5:0]

Shirokiya Holdings Inc., dba Vintage Cave Honolulu
1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 2250 (Ala Moana Center)
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

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1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 2250 (Ala Moana Center)
Retail General license

Ho'ike Mau LLC, dba Highway Inn
94-830 Moloalo Street, Waipahu
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)
[Comm. Ganaban moved for approval; Comm. Minn seconded; Vote 4:0:1, Comm. Lee recused]

PUBLIC HEARING KEPT OPEN – CONTINUED TO JANUARY 2, 2020

[Comm. Minn moved for continuance; Comm. Lee seconded; Vote 4:0]

Tritune USA, Inc., dba Tritune USA, Inc.
2280 Alahao Place, #1
Wholesale General license

APPROVED AT PRELIMINARY HEARING

[Comm. Ganaban moved for approval; Comm. Minn seconded; Vote 5:0]

K Wind Corporation, dba Kickin Kajun
46-056 Kamehameha Highway, Space E10, Kaneohe (Windward Mall)
Restaurant General license (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)

OTHER LICENSE/APPLICATION/REQUEST GRANTED

[Comm. Ganaban moved for approval; Comm. Minn seconded; Vote 5:0]

Groove Child Charities

91-5431 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei (Ka Makana Ali'i)

[Non-Profit] Special General license on Saturday, December 21, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Germaine's Luau, Inc., dba Germaine's Luau

Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 - Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

91-119 Olai Street, Kapolei

Approval of the transfer of capital stock and notification of new officers and directors

Aloha Beer Company, LP, dba Aloha Beer Company, LP

Brew Pub General license (Category No. 2 - Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

700 Queen Street

Approval to permanently increase its licensed premises approximately 2,873 square feet and to make alterations

(Also, approval of partial final inspection)

FEC Kaimuki Partners, LLC, dba Champs

Restaurant General license (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)

3457 Waialae Avenue

Approval to further amend Caterer Appl. No. 16-3323 to include 50 intermittent dates from January 2, 2020 through March 30, 2020, from 5:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., subject to payment of additional fees (Catering to 2777 Kalakaua Avenue (Waikiki Aquarium))

[Comm. Ganaban moved for approval; Comm. Minn seconded; Vote 4:0:1, Comm. Lee recused]

Kenneth G. K. Hoo, Esq., on behalf of Oneteam Restaurant AMC LLC, dba Wahlburgers

Waiver of Rule 3-82-32.1(a) requiring a temporary license application be filed within five working days of the surrender of the previous license or the closing of the business

OTHER LICENSE/APPLICATION/REQUEST – NO ACTION BY COMMISSION

[Comm. Ganaban moved for continuance; Comm. Minn seconded; Vote 5:0]

Liquor Commission

Re: Groove Child Charities [Non-Profit] Special General license on Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. at 91-5431 Kapolei Parkway, #427, Kapolei (Ka Makana Alii) – Post-event report

(Application approved on December 5, 2019, with conditions)

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Re: The Ripple of Smiles LLC, dba The Ripple of Smiles LLC, Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 - Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing), 3040 Waialae Avenue, A-1 – Three-month review of probationary period

(Application approved on July 18, 2019, with conditions)

OTHER LICENSE/APPLICATION/REQUEST WITHDRAWN

[Comm. Ganaban moved for withdrawal; Comm. Minn seconded; Vote 5:0]

GB Acquisition, Inc., dba Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant
Brew Pub General license (Category No. 2 - Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)
3 Aloha Tower Drive, Suite 1311
Requesting approval to temporarily increase its licensed premises from 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2019, to 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 (New Year's Eve Celebration)

ADJUDICATION HEARINGS

[Comm. Minn moved to accept or amend recommended penalty; Comm. Ganaban seconded; Vote 5:0]

WDI International, Inc., dba Taormina Sicilian Cuisine
Restaurant General (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)
227 Lewers Street, Space R-100
Violation: Rule 3-82-38.5(a) [Improper registration of employee]
Plea: No contest, written
Disposition: \$350 penalty

HNLTime Liquor LLC, dba Chingu
Dispenser General (Category No. 4 – Hostess)
1035 Kapiolani Boulevard
Violation: Rule 3-82-47.1(a) [Some form of music, dancing, and/or entertainment without prior authorization or approval]
Plea: No contest with explanation
Disposition: \$500 penalty

939 Entertainment LLC, dba Club 939
Dispenser General (Categories No. 2 & 4 – Nudity; and Hostess)
939 Keeaumoku Street

Charge 1

Violation: Rule 3-84-78.02(a) [Employee, who was not employed as an exotic dancer was unclothed or in such attire, costume or clothing as to expose to view any portion of the pubic hair, anus, cleft of the buttocks, genitalia, or any portion of the breast below the top of the areola]
Plea: Admitted allegations, with explanation
Disposition: \$500 penalty

Charge 2

Violation: Rule 3-84-78.042 [Licensee encouraged and/or permitted a person on the licensed premises to touch, caress or fondle the breasts, buttocks, anus or genitalia of herself or any other person, either directly or through the clothing or any other material]
Plea: Admitted allegations, with explanation
Disposition: \$1,000 penalty

Charge 3

Violation: Rule 3-82-47.1(c) [Licensee permitted and/or allowed employee and/or customer to engage in 'lap dancing' within the licensed premises]
Plea: Admitted allegations, with explanation
Disposition: \$750 penalty (prior)

Hilton Hawaiian Village Lessee LLC, dba Hilton Hawaiian Village
Hotel General
2005 Kalia Road

Violation: Section 281-41(h), HRS [Licensee, without Commission approval, transferred its business to another person, either openly or under any undisclosed arrangement, whereby such other person came into possession or control of the business, or took in any partner or associate]
Plea: No contest with explanation
Disposition: \$500 penalty

IES Retail, LLC, dba Food Mart
Retail Beer & Wine
710 Kailua Road, Kailua

Violation: Section 281-78(b)(1)(A), HRS [Sold, served or furnished intoxicating liquor to a minor, or allowed consumption of intoxicating liquor by a minor at the licensed premises]
Plea: No contest with explanation
Disposition: \$1,000 penalty